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Be sure to get your Bingo ticket for the Lions Big Bingo night of Friday Feb. 7th.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. C. Graham who celebrated their 44th wedding anniversary Tuesday Jan. 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Wray Wright are spending the next two months in Calgary where Wray is taking a course at the Tech. School.

FARMERS' UNION

A meeting of the F.U.A. was held in the curling rink Wed. Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. Pres. John Gordon called the meeting to order and Secretary Gilbert Berdahl read the minutes of the previous meeting.

Mr. Coburn, District Director and Mr. Boles, Sub District Director gave a report on the Annual Convention at Edmonton and what the Union is doing.

It was pointed out by the above speakers that we must have a large membership if we are going to get our fair share of the national income.

There is a membership of approximately 26,000 out of a possible 85,000 farmers in Alberta so you can see the load the paid-up members are carrying for the non members. Let's all join up and make it a strong union this year.

There is to be a meeting in the curling rink Mon. Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. for the purpose of keeping the local going. If there is no more support than what we have been getting, there is a danger of it folding up. At this meeting you will have the privilege of electing a new slate of officers, if there is enough interest shown by your attendance to carry on.

Please make an effort to attend the next meeting on the 10th of Feb. and let's try to help ourselves out of the price squeeze we are in, as we cannot expect others to do it for us.

One ladies rink from Carbon took in the one day money bonspiel at Three Hills last Saturday—Tillie Diede, Oakie Nash, Millie Poole, Irene Woods.

We are pleased to report that Vic Luft has returned home after his long stay in hospital. We hear he is doing very well. Nice going Vic.

Muriel and Margaret De Chene were weekend visitors at the home of their sister and brother-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson.

Congratulations to one of our older citizens C. Martin who celebrated his 83rd birthday this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hanses (nee Frances King) are the proud parents of a son born in the Three Hills hospital.

The Carbon Grain Club held its organization meeting Monday Jan. 13. Officers for 1958: President.....Larry Leiske Vice-President.....Morley Buyer Sec.-Treasurer.....Tom Downes Reporter.....Roland Harsch

Next meeting of the club will be held March 10th at 7:30 in the school.

A farewell party was held on Friday night in the Carbon Scout Hall in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Starret (nee Mrs. C. H. Nash) who have left to reside in Calgary. The evening opened with community singing followed by a duet by Lorraine Holmes and Dolores Schell; Solos by Reggie Trepanier; musical number by Dale and Dick Gimbel. The entertainment ended with a grand game of bingo. Presentation of a Kitchen Chrome Set to the honored guests was made by R. Garrett Jr., M.C. on behalf of the community. Mrs. Snell gave a poem of the early days up to the present day dedicated to Mrs. Starret. The guests were accompanied at the beautifully decorated table by Mr. and Mrs. Norman Nash and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Garrett. A lovely lunch was served by the hostesses, and

the evening closed by singing Auld Lang Syne.

GAMBLE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Garrett were Calgary visitors Sunday. Art Sigmund and Russell Snell were weekend visitors in Lethbridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Homenuk and family, former Gamble residents now living in Calgary, visited her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. A. Metzger on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Weigum and family of Carstairs were also guests of the Metzgers on Sunday.

Spring has sprung! Gophers have been seen enjoying our lovely winter weather.

Mr. Hubert Coates of Calgary has been visiting at Fred McCrackens Tues. and Wed.

Miss Joyce Anderson and Miss Marilyn Gibson spent the weekend at their respective homes here.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Snell

motored to Scotfield on Tuesday, returning Wed. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jacobs who had been visiting at their home.

It is reported that Allen Guynn is suffering from mumps. Cheer up Allen, they will soon be gone.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Anderson and Bud Farthing were Calgary visitors on Tuesday.

Join the Food Crusade! Send your contribution in any amount to CARE of Canada, Ottawa.

There are millions of hungry people throughout the free world who will be forgotten this holiday season except for your help. A \$1 contribution to the CARE Food Crusade will deliver a 22-pound food package to a needy family in any one of 12 free world countries. Your name and address on the package identify it as a personal gift. Send your dollars to CARE of Canada, Ottawa.

FOR SALE—Baled Greenfeed.

—Apply R. Garrett Sr. Phone 808. Carbon.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all the people who sent flowers, cards and visited me while I was a patient in the hospital. Also for the lovely gifts brought me after I returned home. Again many thanks.

Mrs. Otto Hoff.

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my customers, friends and neighbors for their business in the past and kindnesses whenever I was in hospital.

I have sold my business to Mr. Russell Fraser formerly of Huxley. He will be very pleased to be of service to you at any time in my old location in Carbon.

Sincerely,
Frank E. Harris,
Jeweller.

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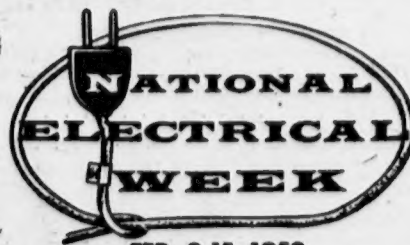
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BEWARE THE OCTUPUS!



Octopus Domesticus . . . octopus, domestic variety. Usually found around electrical outlets. Classified as dangerous. Has a habit of blowing your fuses . . . dimming your lights . . . shrinking the picture of your TV set . . . boosting your power bill . . . robbing your appliances of the power you are paying for. Have been known to start fires.

Your electrician will tell you how to get rid of your octopus . . . how to get full housepower with adequate wiring.



FEB. 9-15, 1958

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We Are Pleased To Announce That ROCKYFORD FEED SERVICE Is Open For Business

We Offer the Following Services to Livestock Producers:

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- ★ A Complete Line of Shur-Gain Concentrates.
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—Your Shur-Gain Feed Service Mill— ROCKYFORD FEED SERVICE

Nick and John Helfrich

Grand Opening on Jan. 31, 1958

Everybody Welcome

PHONE 32 - ROCKYFORD, ALTA.

Uranium City school opened

A new 11-room school, valued at \$250,000, was recently opened in this northern Saskatchewan community on the shores of Lake Athabasca.

Five years ago two one-room schools served the region. Now this mining community boasts three large schools and a single one-room school, a total of 21 rooms, serving the needs of 450 students.

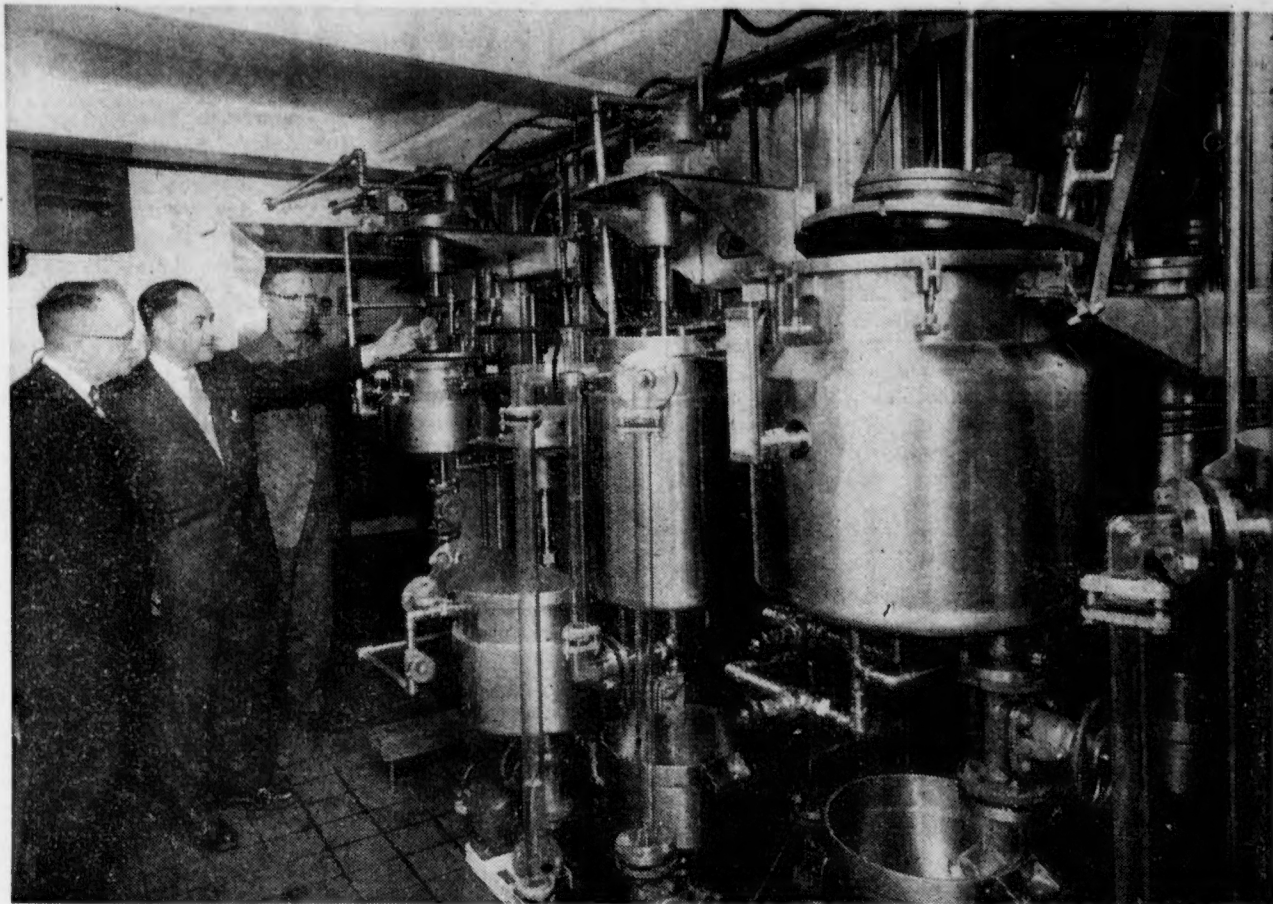
Mayor Vincent presented the keys of the school to Town Manager G. Darychuk, who passed them to Principal W. Markowsky.

In handing the keys to J. Gibson, teacher in charge of the new school, Mr. Markowsky paid tribute to the public-spirited citizens "who with foresight and courage gave abundantly of their time to care for the educational needs of our greatest possession—our children."

The building, he said, has the latest in heating, lighting and provisions for good health and physical education. "These combined with a library, audio-visual aids and the like provide an environment conducive to the best education a community can afford," he said.

The easternmost point in Alaska lies about 600 miles farther west than San Francisco.

Success comes before work only in the dictionary.



BREWING AND MALTING INDUSTRIES officially opened a new pilot brewing plant in Winnipeg. Equipment costing \$100,000 has been installed in a 30 x 20 space on the top floor of the Grain Exchange Building. The installations are a miniature exact-scale replica of a modern brewery. Primarily the plant is for testing brewing quality of new barley varieties. From samples of 15 pounds it will be possible to determine whether a barley variety will make good beer. Hitherto tests of this nature have had to be made on what is designated as field scale tests which have required stocks of 4,000 bushels. Plant breeders and the brewing industry may now find out quickly whether a new barley variety has required brewing standards. In picture left to right, A. W. Hanks, publisher of St. James Leader, former president Canadian Weekly Newspaper Association; Geo. C. Kroft, managing secretary Manitoba Weekly Newspaper Association; and M. A. MacDonald, publisher Pilot Mound Sentinel-Courier, president Manitoba Weekly Newspaper Association.



THE ROYAL BANK OF CANADA

Condensed Annual Statement

30th November, 1957

ASSETS

Cash on hand and due from banks (including items in transit)	\$ 540,240,109
Government of Canada and provincial government securities, at amortized value	672,276,365
Other securities, not exceeding market value	505,688,414
Call loans, fully secured	238,163,548
Total quick assets	\$1,956,368,436
Other loans and discounts	1,431,188,052
Mortgages and hypothecs insured under N.H.A. (1954)	216,590,777
Bank premises	34,559,150
Liabilities of customers under acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	112,413,852
Other assets	9,424,350
Total	\$3,760,544,617

LIABILITIES

Deposits	\$3,426,683,145
Acceptances, guarantees and letters of credit	112,413,852
Other liabilities	19,444,074
Total liabilities to the public	\$3,558,541,071
Capital paid up	50,400,000
Rest Account	151,200,000
Undivided profits	403,546
Total	\$3,760,544,617

STATEMENT OF UNDIVIDED PROFITS

Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1957, after provision for depreciation and *income taxes and after making transfers to inner reserves out of which full provision has been made for diminution in value of investments and loans	\$13,919,550
Dividends at the rate of \$2.00 per share	\$10,077,622
Extra distribution at the rate of 10¢ per share	504,000
Total	\$ 3,337,928
Transferred from inner reserves after provision for *income taxes exigible	11,600,000
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1956	665,618
Total	\$15,603,546
Transferred to Rest Account	15,200,000
Balance of undivided profits, 30th November, 1957	\$ 403,546
Total	\$ 403,546

*Total provision for income taxes \$19,960,000

JAMES MUIR,
Chairman and President

K. M. SEDGEWICK,
General Manager

Royal Bank assets top three and three quarter billion dollars in 1957

New high point for Canadian banks shown in 1957 Balance Sheet—Deposits increase by \$148,307,710 to reach record level of \$3,426,683,145—Profits up by 11.6 percent — \$15,200,000 transferred to Rest Account—Capital funds now exceed \$200,000,000.

The Royal Bank of Canada completed its 1957 fiscal year on November 30th with total assets at the highest point ever attained by a Canadian bank. Increase for the year amounted to \$189,246,297, resulting in a total asset figure of \$3,760,544,617. Assets of the bank have increased and set new records for Canadian banking every year since 1947.

The steady upward trend in deposits, noted during recent years, continued in 1957. The increase under this heading amounted to \$148,307,710 to bring the Royal Bank's total to \$3,426,683,145, a new record for Canadian banks.

Commercial loans total \$1,431,188,052, an increase of \$136,095,026 over the figure of a year ago. Call and short loans to brokers and investment dealers have increased by \$72,874,172 and now total \$238,163,548. Loans on residential mortgages are also up, having increased from \$186,200,416 to \$216,590,777. To assist in providing funds for these purposes, securities held by the bank have been reduced by some \$29,000,000. Holdings of Government of Canada and provincial government securities are shown at \$672,276,365 as compared with \$715,005,707 a year ago, while holdings of other securities increased from \$492,218,188 to \$505,688,414.

The strong liquid position of the bank is reflected in total quick assets of \$1,956,368,436, representing 54.9 percent of the bank's liabilities to the public.

Profits after taxes show a moderate increase of 11.6 percent and total \$13,919,550. This is equal to \$2.76 per share as compared to \$2.70 in 1956.

The bank's statement shows that regular dividends amounting to \$10,077,622 were paid to shareholders plus an extra distribution of 10¢ per share, amounting to \$504,000, leaving \$3,337,928 to be carried forward. To this figure has been added \$665,618 carried forward from the previous year and

\$11,600,000 transferred from inner reserves, resulting in a sum of \$15,603,546. From this amount the bank has transferred \$15,200,000 to the Rest Account, leaving a balance of \$403,546 in the undivided profits account. Provision of \$19,960,000 has been set aside for income taxes as compared with \$13,410,000 in 1956.

This is the 8th consecutive year the Royal Bank has transferred to Rest Account a portion of the current year's earnings. Capital and Rest Account now stand at \$50,400,000 and \$151,200,000 respectively; it is interesting to note that the Rest Account is now equal to three times the bank's paid up capital. These totals, together with undivided profits, bring the Capital funds of the bank to \$202,003,546.

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the bank will be held at the Head Office on Thursday, January 9th, at 11 a.m.

Lengthy government service ending

Ed. Jensen of Tisdale will retire from the provincial highways department at the end of the year with nearly 51 years government service to his credit.

Mr. Jensen's service, spent entirely with the bridge branch of the department, is believed to be a record for public service in Saskatchewan.

Highways Minister J. T. Douglas expressed the government's appreciation of the "long and faithful" service at a banquet recently in honor of the retiring employee. Mr. Jensen received a gold wrist watch from Joseph Johnston, on behalf of colleagues in the bridge branch.

Nobody ever gets anything for nothing, but a lot of people keep trying.

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TWO LITTLE CHRISTMAS TREES standing in the wood dreamed of the day when they would be big enough to be chosen to grace a home at Christmastime. They imagined themselves the centre of every eye, glowing with colored lights, dripping with icicles and tinsel, covered with ornaments and, at their feet gifts for the children and grown-ups of the home. But their dream was not yet to come true. Children seeking Christmas trees passed them, by for bigger

evergreen brothers and left them standing in the wood decorated only with bits of gleaming snow. The two little Christmas trees continued to dream . . . some day they, too, would be big enough to be real Christmas trees. And so the two little Christmas trees may still be seen in the woods near Virden waiting the Christmas when they will shine.

—Photo by Mervin Watt.

Two wheel vehicle

A bicycle, like a car, needs regular check-ups and overhauling to keep it in safe repair. Chain, brakes, light, bell and tires need careful checking, since they are all necessary to the rider's safety. A clean reflector at the rear of the bike and a lamp in front will help to prevent accidents after dark. Never at any time should a "passenger" be taken on the bicycle, which is strictly a one-person machine. The traffic rules of the road should be obeyed by the cyclist as by the motorist.

An 18-carat gold ring contains 75 percent gold. The remainder is

Week's sew-thrifty PRINTED PATTERN



4713
SIZES
10-18

by Ann Adams

Printed directions — two main pattern parts. What could be easier to sew than this lovely dress! Sheath front gives you a figure divine; new back interest displayed by soft folds. High, low neckline too!

Printed Pattern 4713: Misses' Sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18. Size 16 takes 4½ yards 39-inch.

Printed directions on each pattern part. Easier, accurate.

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Newspaper leadership

Very many people know the business of a weekly newspaper publisher better than does the publisher himself. We are reminded of that frequently by readers whose views don't always coincide with our own. Now a Canadian daily newspaper has undertaken the task of telling us what we should do.

A few weeks back, the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Association held its annual meeting at Banff. Some 80 miles away, the editor of The Calgary Herald read some news copy which came from the meeting. He read that the weekly publishers were not satisfied with the amount of political advertising that had appeared in the weekly press prior to the last election.

After that the editor apparently was carried away by a dream. He found it "shocking" that weekly newspaper editors feel they did not get a fair share of such advertising. He took us to task for feeling that we should expect such a share. But then he proceeded to indicate that for the weeklies to receive a share of political advertising would be nothing more than a favor conferred upon us by the politicians. At least, that is the meaning we take from this excerpt:

"To expect a 'share' suggests that a favor is being granted by the political party—and for a 'favor' would it not want a favor?"

Perhaps it is because we are dense, but we fail to comprehend just why we of the weeklies feel we would be receiving a favor if we were to get a fair share of political advertising. We can find nothing in the dictionary which links share with favor. We have been associated with shares of various kinds for quite some years, but never looked upon them as favors. Indeed, there are some shares we look upon with quite some disfavor.

The editor of The Calgary Herald missed the point. What was considered at the meeting was what steps could be taken to see that we do receive a fair share of election advertising in the future. We know full well that we will not increase our advertising by portraying weary old women weeping salty tears in our aprons. We know that we must sell politicians on the idea that the most effective way to reach Canadians is through the Country's weekly press.

That is what was in the minds of the weekly newspapermen at Banff. Weekly newspaper publishers do not want handouts. They are, on the whole, far more independent than the majority of publishers of daily newspapers. Witness the editorials in that particular issue of The Calgary Herald. One was a pat on the back for

Dr. Sidney Smith upon his appointment as external affairs minister. One was the brave attack on the weekly press. The other concerned the British Government.

It does not take any great degree of initiative to approve a man of Dr. Smith's standing. Certainly a comment on something happening 5,000 miles away should not get an editor into difficulty with his readers. The weekly press could raise a small voice in protest; and undoubtedly others beside The Kings County Record will do so, or have done so.

The Herald comments: "The weekly press in Canada fulfills an important role in public information. Its strength lies in meeting its responsibilities with initiative and independence. Expecting fair shares of political advertising is not in the tradition of a free press."

Nor, we might add, are the insipid editorials of The Calgary Herald in the tradition of a vigorous daily press providing the leadership which is expected of them.

—J. L. McKenna, Kings County Record, Sussex, N.B.

DEATH IS NO TIMESAVER

When alighting from a bus, it is never safe to try to cross the road by dashing around ahead of or behind the vehicle. Waiting until the bus has gone on its way and the road is clear may prevent an accident or save a life.

Alberta legislature opens February

The 1958 session of the Alberta legislature will open February 20, Acting Premier A. J. Hooke announced.

The session—fourth of the 13th Alberta legislature—will be opened with the traditional speech from the throne, read by Lieutenant-Governor J. J. Bowlen. The session is expected to last six weeks and prorogue before Easter.

Government sources said the throne speech will outline proposed legislation including reference to amendments to the Alberta Liquor Act to provide additional types of liquor outlets.

New legislation is expected on provincial - municipal financing. Sources said reports from royal commissions on northern development and the implementation of uniform teachers' salaries may also be ready for discussion.

Collect friends

Loneliness is one of the problems of old age and can take much of the happiness out of retirement. Many people find that after they leave the business world, they lose many of their business friends, so during the 10 years of preparation for these leisure days, it is a good idea to collect a circle of contemporaries who have similar interests. Good places in which to meet these new acquaintances are church, service clubs and at night school classes where instruction is taken in handicrafts.



PERSONAL RELIGION

After Andrew had spent a day with Jesus Christ, "He first findeth his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah, which is, being interpreted, the Christ. And he brought him to Jesus." (John 1:41, 42). When one has met Jesus Christ, his greatest desire is that others should meet Him, too. It is natural to turn to those nearest us, the people we know best. Andrew and Simon were brothers and worked together as fishermen. Andrew brought Simon to Jesus. Philip after meeting Jesus found Nathaniel and brought him to Jesus. We must tell others.

But before one accepts the invitation he will likely look closely at the one who invites. What has Jesus Christ done for him? Is it worthwhile? Is there evidence of a change in his life? Has he passed from death unto life, from darkness to light, from bondage to liberty? Has he been born again? The questioner may not express it in Biblical phrases but he is looking for evidence that the inviter has been with Jesus and has learned of Him.

For many people Jesus Christ is afar off. We sing about Him and do Him homage but we've never really met Him face to face. Religion is a form without vital contact and fellowship with the Person of Christianity. It was a personal encounter that changed the bigoted self-righteous Saul of Tarsus to a humble man ready to suffer, serve and die for Jesus Christ. We need a personal religion. We need to meet the Person, Jesus Christ, and hear Him speak forgiveness to our sinful heart and bring peace to our restless spirit. Then we can walk with Him day by day in sweet fellowship. Then we can win others to Him.

G. T. Haywood has written a song of which the first verse and chorus are as follows:

Do you know Jesus,
Our Lord, our Saviour,
Jesus, the Son of God?
Have you ever seen Him,
Or, shared of His favor?
Jesus, the Son of God!

O sweet Wonder!
O sweet Wonder!
Jesus, the Son of God!
How I adore Thee!
Oh, how I love Thee!
Jesus, the Son of God!

Rudyard Kipling popularized the phrase "the white man's burden".

BE A COURTEOUS DRIVER



• **GREETING ST. NICK**—In Metz, France, where St. Nicholas makes his rounds early in December, five-year-old Johnny Prieur, with his parents, was among the first in line to greet the bearded gentleman when he arrived at the railway station. St. Nick is the patron saint of Alsace and Lorraine, and his arrival every December is the occasion for a colorful parade through the city streets. Johnny's dad, Sergeant J. J. Prieur of Sturgeon Falls, Ont., is based at the RCAF's No. 1 Air Division Headquarters in Metz.

—National Defence photo.

Canadian Weekly Features

Mexico: last stronghold of itinerant street craftsman

By EMIL ZUBRYN

Mexico is one of the last strongholds for the itinerant street craftsman.

The self-employed one-man business operations doggedly resist advances of the modern machine age and automation.

In a land of rugged individualists, the street worker is one of the most rugged of all. He may work long hours; has the burden of lugging heavy equipment about; and his earnings may be lower than what he could earn in industry or in a retail establishment.

But the street workers steadfastly cling to their trades. They are business men in their own right, offering a community service. They aren't vagrants who must flee from police hounding. Everyone of them has a special permit which grants the right to practice his calling. The license

cost a nominal sum, ranging from but 10 pesos (usually for handicapped persons) to no more than a 100 pesos (80 cents to \$8) a year.

There are all types of ambulant street workers, from the knife and scissor sharpener to plumbers, carpenters, electricians, shoemakers, etc., who hawk their services in stentorian, unintelligible bellows as they pass from one neighborhood to another.

There are even sidewalk automobile mechanics who will strip a car down, and put it together again at the curb side. And at a fee far less than that charged by legitimate garages.

Biggest money earners include the sharpener and the peddlers of ice cream, hot dogs and "walking lunch counters", these latter feature "tortas" or Mexican sandwiches—a hollowed out roll filled with meat or cheese and amply "spiked" with hot sauces and chile. The "tacos" (tortillas filled with pork, beef or chicken, also amply embellished with fiery sauces) are also a popular item. The "tortas" and "tacos", with a soft drink, offer a lunch menu for many Mexican office and industrial workers. The price for three sandwiches and soft drink comes to 3 pesos (24 cents).

There are the ambulant musicians, anything from a one-man piano or organ player to "bands" made up of four to six gaily-clad "mariachis" (strolling street musicians) who, for 10 pesos (80 cents) a song, are ready to regale tourists with Mexican ballads or the raucous "ranchero" (cowboy) songs. Their big business is playing for drunks in local neighborhood bars, and for lovelorn swains who "woo" their ladies with songs—at three o'clock in the morning.

Ambulant barbers trim the locks of young and old for 2 pesos (16 cents) with the standard price in barber shops ranging from 4 to 10 pesos (32 to 80 cents), according to the clientele. Needless to say, the tourists pay the top tariff in the swank hotel barbershops, with some of the luxury hotel tonsorial parlors even charging up to 15 pesos (1.20) just for a haircut, with all other services in proportion.

Naturally, there is some grumbling by established enterprises who resent the "competition" of the ambulant workers. A plumber, carpenter, barber, etc., operating from a store is subject to city, state and federal taxation and special assessments.

Council moves to bring natural gas here

The Winkler Town Council took the first step to bring natural gas to Winkler next fall at a special meeting on Wednesday night.

The council, after hearing representations from officials of the Consolidated Gathering Systems Ltd., formerly referred to as Pembina Valley Utilities, voted to ask for an order from the Municipal and Public Utility Board to dispense with a public vote.

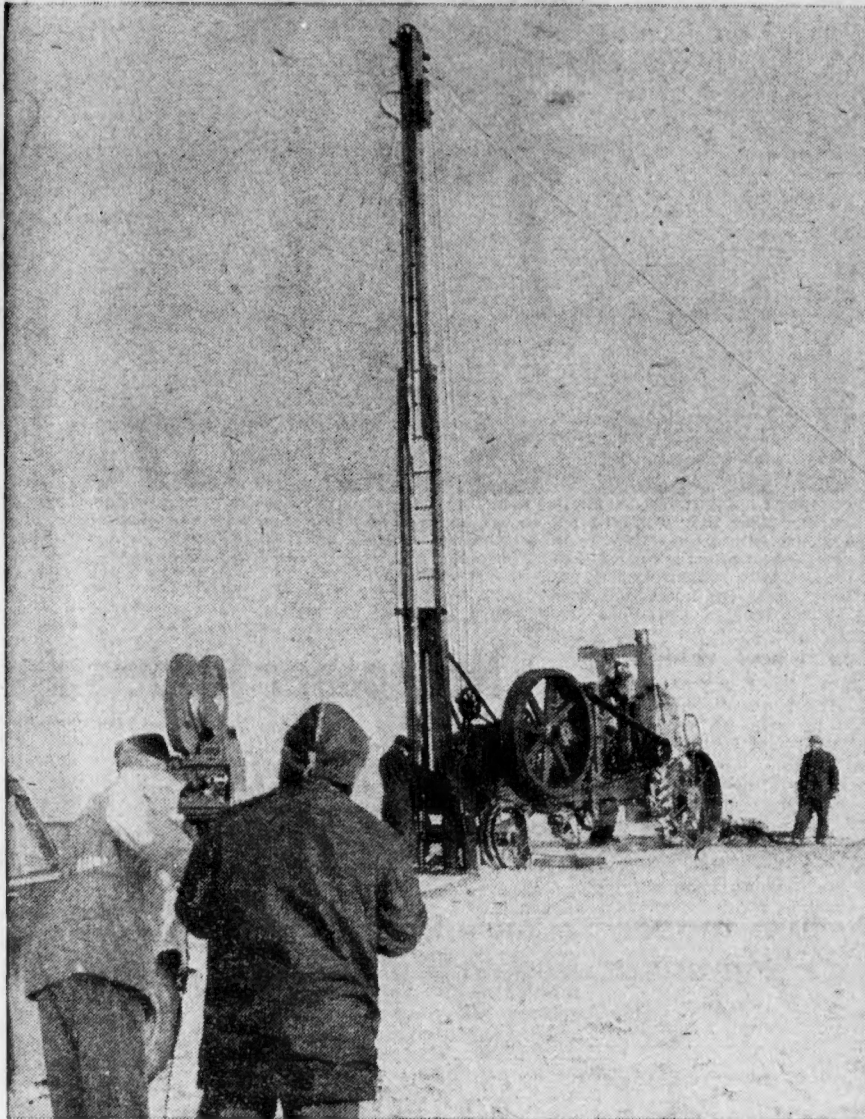
The intentions of the council will be advertised each week for a period of three weeks. After that a public meeting will be held at the Town Hall to hear any representations for or against the resolution and the proposed intention of applying to the board to enter into a franchise agreement with the gas company. The advertisement will name the date and time of the hearing.

The representations at that meeting will be forwarded to the Public Utility Board with the application for the franchise and brought up at the hearings which the Utilities Board will hold in the area when considering the application. — The Progress, Winkler, Man., Dec. 11, 1957.

STEADY

During every 24 hours, the human heart beats 103,689 times and the blood travels 168 miles.

Historic rig back in operation



Pictured above is a steam operated well-drilling outfit, now at the Western Development Museum in Saskatoon, which was a centre of attraction in Simpson district about a quarter of a century ago. Many readers will remember the Simpson Oil Co. which operated through the years, from 1926 to 1945, with some idle spots during the depression years. O. L. Etter of Imperial was president and general manager, Fred Elder was chief salesman and John Roycroft was a big shareholder. In fact, nearly all farmers in the community were shareholders.

The machine, above, was originally designed as a water well outfit and was bought by the Simpson Co. from a Mr. Rauw of Humboldt, in the early '30s. It was brought here, rebuilt, and used in sinking some 18 test holes, to belly river shale, as a marker. The idea was similar to the seismograph work being done today. These holes, in basin locations, ranged from 100 to 450 feet. Drilled under the supervision of Prof. Edmunds, of the University of Saskatchewan, the holes were approximately half a mile apart.

In an interview with The Watrous Manitou, Mr. Etter, longtime overseer and business man of Imperial, said that the Company was formed back in 1926 and their big drilling rig went into operation that year on the farm of John Roycroft. They went to 3,500 feet, and, said Mr. Etter, "We missed the oil, but hit salt and produced it for two years." Well No. 2 was sunk on the John Stein farm.

Interest increased as drilling progressed on the site of Well No. 3—the Elwood Howie farm, half way between Simpson and Imperial. There, said Mr. Etter, the drill struck enough gas to supply Simpson, Imperial and several other centres.

The second machine, which illustrates this storey, was hauled out of Saskatoon recently, cranked up and performed for a crowd of spectators. In fact, it will "star" in a Saskatchewan Power

Corporation film, "Progress on the Prairies".

Mr. Etter admits that his Company missed out on the oil—but sold on the idea that oil will still

be located, and he will see it flowing from wells in the Simpson-Imperial area during his lifetime!—The Manitou, Watrous, Sask., Dec. 12, 1957.

Immigration officials request aid in housing Hungarian refugees

Following representation of immigration officials from Prince Albert, the executive of the Wakaw Hungarian Refugee committee members to discuss the problems called a general meeting of its confronting some of the refugees in regard to housing.

It was brought to the attention of the members that immigration officials had requested the local organization to find housing for some of the refugees who have been here since last spring and are now unemployed and have no money or place to stay.

Following discussion, the members of the local committee decided that as an organization without means, not too much could be undertaken and therefore they could not commit themselves in

any material way. However, it was brought to light that the immigration department will finance the board and room of these refugees to the extent of \$15.00 per week.

With this fact in mind the committee decided to publicize the assistance available to any who may wish to house these refugees during the winter months while unemployment lags.

If anyone is interested and has available space they can get in touch with any member of the executive of the Wakaw Refugee Committee or more particularly with Rev. Father A. P. Leslie, the president, or E. R. Moker, secretary, and in turn they will notify or get in touch with the immigration officials in Prince Albert.

At the present time there are two refugees in Wakaw, staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. V. J. Kotlar. They have been accepted and placed there by the immigration department. — The Recorder, Wakaw, Sask., Dec. 12, 1957.

Unruly, Charlie?

A man spent two hours in a police cell—because he forgot to comb his hair.

Asked by Magistrate P. C. Bergeron to remove his hat while watching a court session, the man at first obliged.

Minutes later, however, he was again spotted wearing his hat.

"Lock him up," said the magistrate.

Released two hours later, he explained:

"My hair was in an awful mess."

COURTESY PAYS OFF

First Indian brigadier, Ontario magistrate dies

Oliver Milton Martin, first Canadian Indian ever to attain the rank of brigadier in the Canadian army and the first to sit as an Ontario magistrate, died in hospital. He was 64 and had been ill for several weeks following an operation.

He attained the army rank during the Second World War when he commanded several brigades in British Columbia and later was acting commander of military district No. 2 with headquarters in Toronto. His military service started at 15 as a boy bugler.

In 1945 after his retirement from the army he was appointed magistrate in suburban York County, the first Indian to hold such a judicial appointment in Ontario.

Born on the Six Nations Indian reserve near Brantford, Magistrate Martin was educated on reserve schools before taking to the army as a boy bugler. He served with distinction on active service in both world wars and in the reserve army in the years between. From 1922 to 1940 he taught school in the Toronto area, becoming principal of Toronto's Danforth Park School before he resigned to rejoin the army during the Second World War.

Twice he was denied funds for higher education but went on to carve a distinguished career in the teaching profession, the army and the courts.

In 1913 the reserve's council of chiefs petitioned the federal government to allow use of Indian trust funds to educate him and another young Indian as lawyers. The request was denied.

Again after the First World War he personally petitioned for funds from the same federal trust to finance a university education and in later life recalled the official comment when he was turned down: "It's no use sending you Indians to school. You only go back to the reserve anyway."

During the First World War he enlisted with Toronto's 114th Battalion and served overseas with the army until 1917 when he transferred to the Royal Flying Corps, having earned a commission through the ranks. For the duration of the war he served as a pilot officer and observer.

When his post-war request for education assistance was rejected he tried for a time to work his way through the University of Toronto, working by day and attending night classes and summer courses. He finally gave that up, went to the Ontario Normal School and became a teacher.

Throughout the years he preferred to be called a Canadian rather than an Indian. Soon after his First World War service he severed connections with the Indian reserve.

Years later in a county court session when he heard a case brought by one neighbor against another for his calling him a foreigner, Magistrate Martin commented: "You're both foreigners as far as I'm concerned. If the truth were known, I'm the only real Canadian in this court."

TV STATION COMPLETED

Work on the new television station building here has been completed, and the antenna placed on a 300-foot tower, which now gives the overall height of 365 feet.

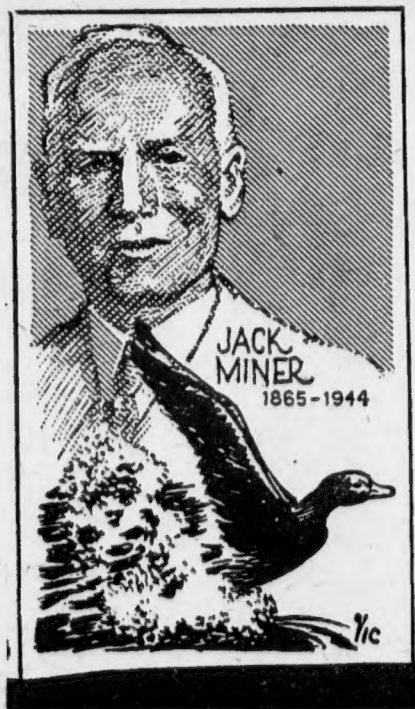
Spectators gasped as antenna riggers painted the new antenna which was placed at the top of the tower recently.

General Manager W. D. Forst said that he expected to run test patterns on CJFB-TV. As soon as transmission lines to the antenna are completed the station will be in readiness for telecasts, he said. The official opening date has not yet been set.

A staff of 14 members has now been assembled at the new plant north of Swift Current on No. 4 highway.

SHOP LOCALLY

Nature magazine mis-states Jack Miner's opinion or philosophy



The highly respected Nature Magazine in its June-July, 1956, issue carried an article by Mr. Maurice Broun in which he said, "Most hawk-shooters that I have encountered insist that all predatory creatures should be killed—the Jack Miner attitude."

Jack Miner wrote three books; 13 publications in one month carried articles written by him; he had written hundreds of articles for publication between 1896 and 1944. At the time of his death biography writers credited him with having spoken to more people over a period of 30 years from the lecture platform than any other person. In all his writings and lectures he never used the word "exterminate" nor insisted "that all predatory creatures should be killed"; he used the word "control". His philosophy was that if man shot ducks for food man should shoot the crows that live on ducks' eggs to the same proportion. If man shot deer for food man should kill the timber wolves to the same proportion.

If man shot pheasants for food man should reduce the great horned owl and certain species of hawks that live on the pheasant's young from the time they are hatched until they were mature. He would say, "I am not going to feed cardinals all winter and stand back and see a cooper's or sharp-shinned hawk come back from the south in the spring and eat them up alive."

Manly F. Miner, eldest son of the late Jack Miner, commenting on such a statement made by Mr. Maurice Broun said, "It is such false statements being made by such people that do the Cause of Conservation more harm than good. Men making such statements in most cases would not allow a person to shoot a gun or kill anything." Manly F. Miner continued by saying "that no one species could stand the predation of both man and their natural enemies and when man reduced one species it was up to man to reduce the natural predators to the same proportion."

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In 1958 some 70,000 Bibles, 140,000 New Testaments and many more Gospel portions will be needed in the Congo. The British and Foreign Bible Society looks to its Canadian auxiliaries to meet the needs and to take advantage of the opportunities in Africa as elsewhere.

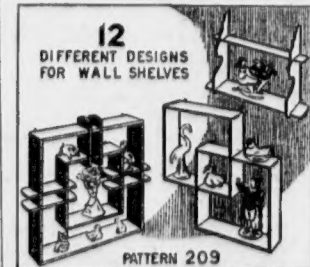
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(These are not necessarily the views of the editor of this paper)

Storm clouds on employment front

(The Sun, Grenfell, Sask.)

Jobs aren't as easy to come by now as they were a few months ago. Reports of layoffs are appearing with disquieting frequency. So far as employment opportunities in Canada are concerned, the bloom is off the peach.

Folks who wonder why the great Canadian boom has suddenly begun to go sour shouldn't have too much trouble finding the answer.

The trouble lies in a loss of confidence.

Manufacturers have begun to lose confidence because nothing has been done to curb the flow of imports which are undermining the jobs of factory workers.

Farmers have begun to lose confidence because the Canadian Wheat Board hasn't been able to sell as much grain as had been expected.

Industrialists are losing confidence because the wage spiral has brought about a profit squeeze leaving them with insufficient capital to expand and improve.

Investors are losing confidence because high taxes are making the risk of new investment hardly worth the candle.

Confidence is a delicate plant. It wilts quickly, and it can quickly be reduced provided the right measures are adopted by those whose decisions have the greatest impact on employment prospects. Some of those decisions, in the realm of taxation and trade policy, lie with the Federal government. Others, such as wage policy, lie with organized labor. Together, the politicians and the labor leaders have it in their hands to restore confidence, and to obliterate the haunting fear of unemployment.

Danger! Danger! Highway pedestrians

(The Progress, Winkler, Man.)

It is unfortunate that death or a serious injury is necessary to point out to pedestrians the dangers of walking along a highway without taking advantage of each safety precaution.

Naturally the danger increases as visibility to the motorist is marred by dust, heavy rain, snow and sleet and when pedestrians fail to walk against the approaching traffic.

Fatalities and serious accidents to pedestrians, on the increase for the past few years, are always of the "heart-breaking" variety. The motorist involved in a collision with a pedestrian, whether he is to blame or not suffers the worst possible type of remorse.

Greatest deterrent to accidents to pedestrians on our highways could come through rules and regulations against picking up hitch-hikers other than within town or city limits. Just recently a motorist suffered injuries and costly damage to his car when he stopped to pickup a hitch-hiker and the vehicle behind bashed in his trunk and fender portion.

Pedestrians constantly walking a certain section of any road find that often the hiking is better, well off the shoulder of the highway and the element of danger greatly reduced.

Whose neck "stuck out?"

(From The Markdale Standard)

Every newspaper editor, now and then, is approached by some person in his community who demands that he expose some situation or write words of criticism.

Often there is a justification for the visit to tell the editor what he should do about conditions, and the editor is usually sympathetic towards the visitor, who, by the time he makes the visit has mulled the situation over in his mind so much that the is frequently more than just a little angry. A suggestion that an article be written about the situation, using his name, brings the out-cry, "Leave my name out of it!" Then the editor explains that the visitor should write a letter, signed by himself, for publication in the "Letter to the Editor" column.

That doesn't help to pacify the visitor either. He doesn't want to become involved in the criticism himself—it might affect his business or his prestige. But he knows, and quite definitely, what an editor is supposed to do, and says so very plainly. And, of course, that raises the query in the editor's mind as to why he (the visitor) never became an editor, when he is so confident that he knows just what an editor should do in acquiescing to every demand for "telling-off" the people responsible for incurring his wrath.

A great advance

(The Times, Kennedy, Sask., Sept. 25, 1957)

Weekly editors across the province are this week congratulating the publisher and staff of the Melville Advance on the opening of a fine new printing plant. Mixed with the congratulations are a good many deep sighs and green-eyed looks, for the new premises of the Melville weekly are beautiful to behold.

Like many other provincial weeklies, the Advance has made great progress in the past decade. Published by its energetic young owner, the Advance has obviously benefitted greatly from his wartime experience when he commanded the printing unit of the First Canadian Army.

In recent years the Melville Advance has been a strong contender for top honors in the weeklies' Better Newspapers Competitions. This year in Saskatchewan it made a clean sweep of the highest circulation class, taking first place in the best all-round and editorial page classes.

On the basis of past achievement and present plant expansion, readers and advertisers in the Melville area can rest assured they are receiving the very best of newspapering from publisher Jukes, editor Thompson and staff of the Advance.

Gas line extension ready in early '58

A \$350,000 extension to the million-dollar pipeline which supplies natural gas to south Peace centres is expected to be completed by the first of the year, H. J. Jones, of Grande Prairie Transmission Company, said.

The new 15-mile line links two wells near the Peace River, including one of the largest gasers in the north, with the present transmission system at Spirit River.

Mr. Jones said six miles of pipe remained to be laid on the new extension but he expected that it would be completed by the end of the month.

The new pipeline, which runs due north from Spirit River, taps one well with a capacity of sixty million cubic feet daily, and another with a daily capacity of 10 million.

The new wells, along with the producers east of Rycroft which have fed the pipeline system since its construction, provide adequate reserves for south Peace centres served by natural gas, Mr. Jones said.

Grande Prairie, Sexsmith, Rycroft and Spirit River are the centres now served by the pipeline.

Although Grande Prairie's gas consumption was up 10 percent over last year, he said that no looping of the transmission line was yet required. Loops would be built when needed, however.

The next extension to the pipeline has posed some tough construction problems since it knifes through a series of deep ravines between Spirit River and the well sites. — The Herald-Tribune, Grande Prairie, Alta.

\$60 billion for defence

The cost of defence to the 11 countries in the Atlantic Alliance this year will total \$59,586,000,000, an official NATO estimate said.

The United States will pay \$44,278,000,000 of this total and Europe \$13,437,000,000.

Britain's total is \$4,500,000,000, France's \$3,490,000,000, West Germany's \$1,980,000,000 and Canada's \$1,871,000,000.

Progress of mining town amazes even its founders

By DON HANRIGHT

Uranium City is a town where there was nothing five years ago—nothing except trees and rock, an abandoned gold mine and a few Chipewyan Indians.

Now the old gold-mine buildings have been moved to modern uranium operations. The Indians live in shacks on Two Bit Hill—it's a 25-cent ride by bus for them into this spanking new town of 2,000 persons.

The town's progress has amazed even the men who founded it. The shack tents of 1952—year of the world's biggest uranium claims rush—still are here, but now they're used for sheds behind some of the more than 100 modern homes.

It has become a neat community. Littered lots have become flower gardens, and tidy shops have replaced dingy, dirty general stores. Installation of sewer and water facilities began this year.

In an area linked by road or rail to the country's supply centres, such a town could easily result from wealthy mining operations—such as those in this area, which produce about \$50,000,000 worth of uranium concentrates a year.

But Uranium City has neither direct road nor rail links. It is nearly 500 miles from Edmonton or Prince Albert, the nearest cities, by air or by train to McMurray, Alta., and then by barge across Lake Athabasca.

Forty miles north of Uranium City is the Northwest Territories. And it's only a 10-minute walk from the town to a lake where in quick order an angler can land a five-pound lake trout, or even bigger northern pike. The town is surrounded by wilderness.

It took a special kind of people to overcome these obstacles. Jock McMeekan, pudgy, affable editor of the Little Uranium Era, one of the area's two weekly newspapers, explains it this way:

Confidence in area
"When Yellowknife opened up in the 1930's, it was the Peace River farmers who came in. These were guys who had been practically living on rabbits. They came across Great Slave Lake and help-

ed make Yellowknife a mining town.

"It was the same thing in Northern Ontario—it was the farmers who opened up the mining towns. But it's a different story here.

"The men who have become established here are men who have been sort of following this mining game. Most of them moved down from Yellowknife, or came from Sudbury and points east. They put their money into this town when it was a big risk, but for most of them it has paid.

Among them is Mayor Paul Vincent. He had worked for a fuel agent in Yellowknife, and followed the boom to Uranium City where he invested everything he had in his own oil agency.

"I wouldn't do it again," he says. "Believe me, I had a lot of nights without sleep when I first started. But now I'm doing okay."

Mr. Vincent will spend this winter in Florida.

Another of these Yellowknife men is Henry (Red) Dusseault. He operates a trucking firm which this year handled about 40,000 tons of supplies landed at nearby Bushell from barges plying the Athabasca. His trucks also were hauling ore.

These men and others, such as hotel manager Norm Jepperson, hardware merchant Dana Spence, druggist Roy Robinson, banker Doug Ross and town manager Greg Darychuk, try to be sure they and their families get "outside" as often as possible.

For example, one man's wife had a toothache and knew there was a dentist in the clinic a few blocks away, but nevertheless boarded a plane. It cost her more than \$100 to go to Edmonton for the extraction, but the tooth was a good excuse.

"It's good to get out at least once a year and pound some pavement," says Mrs. Ben Maguire, wife of another hardware merchant. "Stay up here too long at one time, and you're bound to go a bit squirrely."

Residents of Uranium City make their own entertainment. There are house parties, baseball games, water-skiing on nearby

Unsung heroes! AT LOCKWOOD

By Mrs. E. D. Gardiner

The longer one lives in this community, the more one realizes what very fine people we have in our midst. This thought was prompted by the comfortable feeling in church Sunday morning. Extra warmth was provided from the old stove set up again to assist the wood and coal furnace, and the porch placed over the front door to help keep out the winter draughts. These things don't happen by themselves. It is the good, kind people with the interest of the church at heart, who set these things in order. All through the year, someone cuts the grass, applies a coat of paint here and there, repairs windows . . . all just for the doing, to keep the United Church pleasing and inviting to those who may enter the gates. Yes, your correspondent felt quite a glow of pride and warmth on Sunday morning in church, and fully realized there are many unsung heroes and heroines, close at hand.—The Manitou, Watrous, Sask., Dec. 12, 1957.

Martin and Beaverlodge lakes, trout fishing and camping. "It's a wonderful place for a guy who likes the outdoors," says Mr. Jepperson.

And then there are the poker games, with miners floating into town to take a chance at high stakes. And other talk of seeing \$8,000 wagered in a single snooker game.

The Saskatchewan government liquor store—one of the first buildings erected here—does a better-than-average business.

Norm Jepperson claims his hotel's beer parlor does the biggest business of any hotel in the province. He sells beer for 40 cents a bottle and loads up the hotel basement once a year with 140,000 cases.

But even in the last two years the town has started to settle down. Reports Dr. Jim Gray, one of three practitioners in the 700-square-mile area:

"It has changed now from a rough-and-tumble Saturday night joint into a nice little town, where people are taking pride in their properties. It's getting to be a good place to live."

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RIVAL TO THE COMMON COLD

Dental decay is a common disease, second only to the cold. The cold will disappear but dental decay increases, unless repairs to the affected teeth are made as soon as the trouble starts. With children this may be as early as three years of age.

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by Alice Brooks

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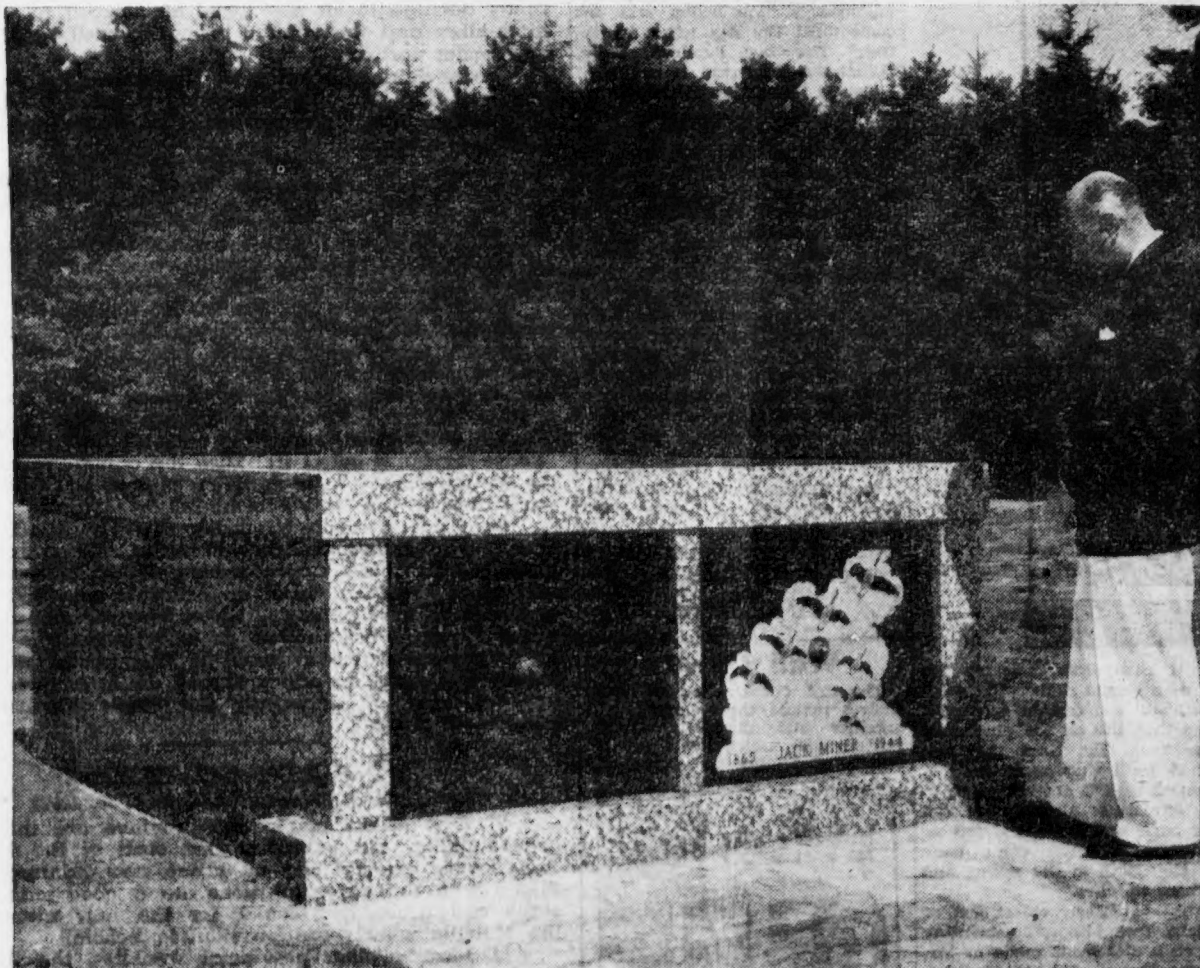
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JACK MINER'S RESTING PLACE



Manly F. Miner stands by the tomb of his late father, Jack Miner, Canadian Naturalist. Before Jack Miner died he expressed a wish that his body be placed in a little secluded spot on his world famous bird sanctuary at Kingsville, Ontario.

Before Jack Miner died he created what he called his little memorial park of about an acre in size. Around the outside of the small area was planted Norway Spruce which act as a wind break and where the English ring-necked pheasants roost. Inside of the spruce

is planted a row of hawthornes where the cardinals, cat-birds, and other song and insectivorous birds nest and sing their songs of praise. The next row of shrubs are white lilacs which give beauty and fragrance to the setting, then comes the half acre of green, green grass with the above sarcophagus in the centre made possible by the kind co-operation of Mr. David Miller of Miller Monuments of Elkhart, Indiana, which was carved out of Minnesota granite.

BIRDS GUARD THE TOMB

The tombs of some famous men are guarded by soldiers, but Jack Miner's body, who loved birds and gave his all for birds, is much different because the beautiful cardinals sing from daylight until dark and the whippoorwill's voice can be heard at night with the toads and frogs in the nearby ponds acting at a quartette in the distance.

Each winter several hundred Canada Geese, which Jack Miner

helped save from extinction, spend the winter at the Jack Miner Sanctuary and one stormy day they were missed from the ponds and the most touching sight to ever be seen on the Jack Miner Sanctuary was to find a thousand geese had alighted in this little area surrounding Jack Miner's tomb and seemed to be mourning the loss of their friend because not a sound could be heard from them.

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by Alice Brooks

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FARMERS' UNION DELEGATES—Left to right: Mr. R. Atkinson, Mr. O. Turnbull, Mrs. L. Margaret Lund, Saskatchewan Farmers' Union delegates attending the Rural Development Conference held December 10 to December 12, 1957, in the Legislative Building.

Saskatchewan Farmers Union

By YVONNE QUICK

Hon. Alvin Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, speaking to the delegates at the Eighth Annual Convention of the Saskatchewan Farmers Union in Regina said that they should know how effective they are in the lobby work that is being carried on while the House is in session. The necessity of meeting with all the members and acquainting them with the facts regarding agriculture is of great value and should be continued.

"This organization should know how we feel about it and should be congratulated," Mr. Hamilton said. "Farm organizations have, for the past five years, been asking for an emergency program that would provide the farmer with some cash when he is not able to deliver his crop."

Mr. Hamilton said, "Cash advances on the part of farm organizations represent a victory of democracy in action. We know that the Saskatchewan Farmers Union has supported this policy for four or five years."

"The drop in farm income has put agriculture in the position that something had to be done immediately. Actual cash income from the Canadian Wheat Board averages from 1951-52 to 1953-54, \$338 million; while from 1954-55 to (estimated income) 1957-58, it has dropped to \$153 million." These figures prove the position agriculture is in, without even considering the rising cost of production.

"Cash advances have a specific preference to small farmers, for two-thirds of the farm population own now between 0 to 300 acres. Some policy had to be worked out to benefit these farmers as well as the larger ones. Working with the farm union to determine a reasonable sound acreage that could be disposed of, it was agreed on a six-bushel-per-specified-acre advance, interest-free (interest to be borne by the government). How does the small farmer have the advantage?

Well, taking the unit plus the

advance per specified acre, this is how it would work out:

Specified acres	Per bus. advance (this includes unit)
50	86c
100	74c
200	65c
300	60c
1,000	53c

"There are some farmers who would just as soon take advantage of the bank loan and they are welcome to do so, at, of course, the 5½ percent interest rate. This cash advance will be kept on the statutory books until marketing conditions are normal.

"The Minister of Trade and Commerce, Hon. Gordon Churchill, announced that an immediate cash sales program would be implemented. If we are to increase the sales of Canadian wheat, then we must be prepared to buy from the country we sell to. It has been proposed that an increase of 15 percent from Britain is possible. The Minister of Trade and Commerce estimates an increased sale of 40 million bushels over the amount sold last year. Credit sales, barter and foreign currency are all being investigated as possible ways to a solution.

In closing, Mr. Hamilton congratulated the farm union on the work it was doing, and said farmers must be united.

Horse shot dead to save aircraft

Pan American Airways disclosed a \$9,800 thoroughbred horse had to be shot dead over the Atlantic because it was trying to kick out the side of a cargo plane flying it to New York.

The Italian-bred yearling colt named Rookwoods was due in New York Sunday in the plane that also had nine persons aboard and eight other horses.

Rookwoods broke the tethering device used in horse cargo flights to keep horses from damaging themselves and the plane.

Estimated temperature of the earth's centre is about 9,000 degrees Fahrenheit.



STYLISH SHEETS—New Canadian sheets are more glamorous than ever as the fashion trend for color spreads through the home. Four-year-old Donna Bertie is proud of her floral printed pattern, one of the more than 250 different types being made this year.

PLAYS on a Shoestring

Dear Bonnie:

I suspect that you smiled at my concluding remark in last week's letter about professional procedure for opening a show. However, I think it is important that some format be devised and adhered to. And since your stage manager takes over the show after dress rehearsal in order that you can be one of the audience, it might be a good thing to talk to the other directors, warn them of your format and then endeavour to stick to it.

Professional shows schedule their opening as follows:

6.55—Front curtain closed.
7.00—Door to auditorium opens and box office opens for business. Ushers in attendance and programs on hand for distribution. If they are dressed with some uniformity, it gives a more sophisticated air to the proceedings. Ushers should be trained, especially if you are selling some reserved seats, to read the numbers on the tickets and then take patrons to the correct seats, and give or sell them a program.

7.30—Stage manager checks to see that all the casts are in and gives the first call, telling them how many minutes until curtain goes up.

7.45—Music starts if being used. Recorded music, suitable to the occasion, helps to put the audience into a state of mind to receive the plays.

7.50—Stage Manager checks sound and gives a second call to the dressing room.

8.09—He gives third call to dressing room five minutes before first scene cast must be on stage.

8.11—If lights in auditorium are on a dimmer, start them slowly going down and lights on curtain going up. This should be a long drawn out process. You will be interested to watch how the audience react and voices become softer and a rustle of expectancy pervades the whole theatre.

8.12—Warn ticket sales on inter-com system of the time.

8.14—Places All—words warning cast. Music begins to fade and door to auditorium closes.

8.15—House lights completely out and curtains open.

The stage manager gives the signal between curtains for music to start as soon as the curtain closes, and to fade, and the second, and third curtain goes up. The intermission between scenes or acts should not last longer than 10 minutes. Those who remain in their seats find it very tedious and the seats get very hard by the time three-act plays or a three-act play is completed. If there is an adjudication in addition, it means another half hour of sitting.

If curtain calls are to be given, they need rehearsing just like the play. They must be well done. The stage manager says how many there shall be, depending on the applause. Many people do not approve of curtain calls, and they should not be allowed during a festival. However, it is the chance given the performers to thank the audience for their attention and appreciation during the show. This can be done by a slight bow or nod of the head with a smile—wide if a comedy because it has been fun for both the cast and audience, and in keeping with the character played if the play has been more on the serious side. Keep it uniform however. First curtain call should be done with everyone standing still and the second one should be where the slight movement as described above comes in. The audience naturally will indicate again their appreciation of the performance.

The stage manager gives the signal for 'God Save the Queen' and recorded music to help usher the people out of the auditorium.

Some groups like to tour a show. This should always be done before producing it for the home town audience. In this way, all the tag ends will be picked up and the performance should really be rolling by the time it arrives home. It is a very good idea for plays entering festival. One Montreal group entering the Dominion Drama Festival a number of years ago, had presented their play 99 times before their hundredth performance at the festival. Needless to say they won all the top awards. The play was beautifully done and one could tell that the cast enjoyed it and had confidence they would reach the

curtain line in top form.

Some organizations distribute questionnaires to their audiences asking various questions about the type of shows to be produced at a later date, how the selection of plays for the present season were enjoyed and any constructive criticism the audience might have to offer. At this time, the society may acquaint the theatre-goers with their aims and objects, call for volunteers for backstage and solicit new members.

Then the aftermath. If the play is more than a one night run, the stage should be re-set for the next performance. If not, the stage manager supervises collection and packing, restoring and returning, of everything hired or borrowed, tagging it for delivery before leaving the building. This may seem strenuous and not necessary—"It can be done in the morning" is often heard at this time—"I'm tired." But something often comes up and it is not done when planned with the result that things are not returned and the group will, in due course, find people unwilling to loan props or furniture graciously.



The Stage Manager

The Emily Post for stage crews published recently, might prove beneficial here.

1. **Don't Smoke backstage:** There are signs up so read them and do what they say. If you can't read, don't smoke anywhere, even near the entrances as the smoke blowing on stage causes an effect that wasn't intended by the author.

2. **Be as quiet as possible:** The audience has paid to see and hear a play. Anything else is extra and distracting.

3. **Don't try to see the show from anywhere in the wings. Don't stand in the entrances and exits:** You will be in the way of someone who has spent weeks in the timing of their entrance, or someone who will be trying to exit, run into an unseen obstacle, struggle for a minute and generally have considerable difficulty in getting off stage. Don't lean over the prompter either, as he must concentrate on every minute of the show and one cannot do that with a person breathing down his neck. If you really must see what is going on, get a job where you are only needed between acts and go out front and see it.

4. **Don't try to peek at the audience:** This is known as scanning the house. It is done in nearly every high school and by almost every amateur company in existence. Some professionals do it too, although most of them consider it to be bad luck. But don't you do it as it looks silly and you can't see anything anyway. If you must satisfy your curiosity go to the lobby and look at the size of the house or who is there from that point.

5. **Pick up your feet when you walk around backstage:** If you don't you may trip over something with disastrous results. And wear soft shoes or socks, and leave the 'sound of approaching footsteps' to the sound effects people.

6. **Don't play with articles on the prop table:** It is all arranged for specific use and you may upset the whole scene by moving

something. The only people who touch the prop table are those designated to look after the props. AND don't eat the prop food until you are sure it won't be needed again.

7. **Don't experiment with the light fixtures and don't touch the lighting panel:** The lighting people have spent hours getting things set up and expect the results when certain lights go on. Resist the desire to inadvertently disconnect something. Be careful about walking in front of lights too, so that your shadow is not reflected across the stage at the wrong time.

8. **Don't put on a pantomime of the action onstage for the benefit of backstage crew, and the actors waiting in the wings.** The actors might miss their cues, drop out of character while laughing at you, or make a noise. The people onstage are the only actors necessary. Practical jokers come under this category. If you must be clever, wait until you have some time out and then go down to the furnace room and put your performance on there. Neither is it funny to come along and tickle someone who is holding a ladder while a crew member is up on top changing a gelatine on a light. The ladder is likely a wobbly one and trained lighting people are scarce as hen's teeth and we need all we have.

9. **Don't forget the time and miss a cue:** If an actor does it, it may make a good story. If backstage people do it, it can ruin the effect that the whole company have been working two months to achieve.

10. **Cue Sheets:** If you have not been provided with a cue sheet, don't stand around looking helpless and demanding one, get busy and make one yourself. Stage manager will bless you for your thoughtfulness.

11. **Don't start a conversation with an actor waiting to make an entrance.** He is getting into character, or should be.

12. **Don't try taking pictures onstage between acts, or in the auditorium during acts.** It holds up the curtain and annoys everyone.

13. **Don't wear your best clothes backstage.** Even if there is a party after the show. Backstage is usually dumpy. Don't worry about the party anyway. It will likely be in full swing. Or nearly everyone will have gone home by the time you arrive if you finish your job of packing up. But you will have completed your job and that is the important thing.

14. **Don't ever think that a job is 'beneath' you:** It needs to be done or you wouldn't be asked to do it. This includes sweeping the stage.

15. **Don't ever be ashamed of being on the backstage crew.** The actors may get the glory but remember they couldn't do the show without you, and the total effect is up to you.

16. **But don't get cocky:** People come to see the show. That means the actors and scenery and lighting. So it is a case of co-operation. Without both sides of the work there is NO show.

So, stage manager and backstage crew, lights, props, make-up, costumes and all others concerned, remember—Theatre is a co-operative activity, with people with a common philosophy who will recognize the potential ability of the director and each other. Who will realize that relaxation in theatres comes with understanding of the tasks to be performed. Theatre is conflict—who is in conflict and how the conflict is to be resolved. Theatre is entertainment to be shared by all.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Ellen Burgess

STEADY GROWTH SHOWN AT SCOUTS ANNUAL MEET

Growth and development in all departments was revealed at the annual meeting of Wolf Creek district Boy Scouts Association, of which Indian Head is a part, held in Grenfell Nov. 7. A number of factors were held to be responsible, including leaders who gave time, knowledge and guidance and parents who contributed backing.—The News, Indian Head, Sask., Nov. 21, 1957.

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OUR AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

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In Alberta such societies have been organized under a statute of the provincial legislature called "The Agriculture Societies Act" which became law in 1942. This act defines the objects of such societies, method of organization, officers of societies, procedure at annual meetings, and other details essential for the functioning of an agricultural society. On examining the record of agricultural societies we find that some, in the normal process of development, have been organized to discharge some specific function, and having discharged that function were no longer essential to their community. Hence they were dissolved. However, it now appears that a measure of stability has been reached, for in the year 1956 no new societies were formed and none were dissolved.

The society which we have been considering in this column was organized in the nor-

mal manner under the act described above and is known as "The Drumheller District Agricultural Society". The district in question includes all of two municipalities, Kneehill and Starland, and part of a third, Wheatland. Active support of one kind or another derives from each and all of the towns and villages as well as the agricultural communities situated within that very considerable area. The achievements of the society to date make an effective expression of the measure of support which has come from many sources.

—G. W. Robertson.



GUYN—SOLL

A bank of potted ferns formed the background when Miss Rowena Clarice Soll, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Soll of Osoyoos, B.C. and Howard Tuttle Guyn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Guyn of Acme were united in marriage in a candlelight service at the United Church in High River Satur-

day December 28th, 1957 at 5 o'clock. Rev. John Sorochnan of Edmonton, formerly of the High River United Church was the officiating clergyman.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was beautifully gowned in cocktail length white velvet, her veil and tiara both trimmed with opalescent seed pearls. She wore three-quarter length white gloves and white satin slippers. Her bouquet was of talisman roses and white 'mums.

Matron of honor was the bride's sister, Vida (Mrs. George Sykes) who wore a sheath dress of shrimp colored lace and taffeta. Two bridesmaids were in attendance, Miss Jean Watkins of High River who wore a princess dress of deep purple velvet with pale mauve bodice top and matching mauve feather bandeau and carried yellow 'mums, and the bride's sister Priscilla who wore pale pink taffeta in princess style with matching feather bandeau. Her bouquet was of lime-green flowers.

Willie Lee Mitchell was flower girl, her full skirted frock being of yellow net and taffeta with muff of matching yellow net.

Lee Guyn of Calgary, brother of the groom, was best man. Ushers were Bob Porteous and Allan Kemery. Howard Bruce Northcott was ring bearer.

The wedding music was played by Mrs. Lorraine Moore with Mr. Gordon Johnson of Calgary, soloist.

The bride's mother chose a dress of grey with pink accessories and corsage of red roses. The groom's mother wore a sheath of royal blue brocade with matching hat and corsage of red roses.

The reception was held in the Highwood Memorial Centre. A three-tiered wedding cake flanked by yellow roses and tulles centred the candlelit bride's table. The toast to the bride was proposed by Mr. W. O. Mitchell, and to the bridesmaids by Mr. Lee Guyn.

For travelling the bride wore a princess dress of peacock blue beneath her coat of charcoal Borgana with gold and gun-metal accessories. Her corsage was a white gardenia with yellow rosebuds.

Wedding guests were from Virden, Man.; Estevan, Sask.; Big Sandy, Montana; Pocatello and Moscow, Idaho; Osoyoos and Vancouver, B.C. and various points in Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Guyn will reside at Suite 19, Linden Manor in Regina, Saskatchewan.

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IN THE MATTER of the Estate of ROBERT JAMES CHRYSTAL, deceased.

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SW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 29, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian.

S 1/2 and the NW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 29, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian.

S 1/2 of Section 36, Township 29, Range 27, West of the 4th Meridian.

The said lands may be purchased in total or by any individual quarter sections.

Each bid must be accompanied by a cheque equivalent to 10% of the offer, (which will be returned in the event of non-acceptance) and the balance payable within ten days of the acceptance of any tender.

Envelope to be marked "tender". No Tenders necessarily accepted.

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acceptance of the offer.

For further information apply to J. A. MacDonald, Solicitor, 201 Grain Exchange Bldg., Calgary, Alberta.

Dated at the City of Calgary this 8th day of January A.D. 1958.

JAMES A. CHRYSTAL, IVAN H. POTTER and GORDON C. FOSTER,

care of J. A. MacDonald, Solicitor for the Executors, 201 Grain Exchange Bldg., CALGARY, Alberta.

ACME NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown formerly of Acme but now of Calgary are away on a holiday trip to California.

The Feb. meeting of the Active Sewing Circle will be held at the home of Ann Jamieson Mrs. Mary Davis and Mrs. Joan Sorensen will serve.

Curtis Clark, Bud Boake and Al Greenway are going to Toronto on the weekend to attend the Dominion Livestock Board Meetings: Curtis as Director of the Holstein Assoc.; Bud as Pres. of Alberta Cattle Breeders Assoc. and Al as Pres. of Alberta Swine Breeders Assoc.

PUBLIC NOTICE PROVINCE OF ALBERTA

Notice is hereby given that the Government of the Province of Alberta has appointed a Commission and has authorized that Commission to study and consider the aims and objectives essential to maintain a proper and adequate educational program for pupils of the elementary schools of the Province, and to inquire into the various aspects of elementary and secondary education as they relate to the schools of Alberta. Interested persons may secure a copy of the terms of reference of the Commission by writing to the Secretary.

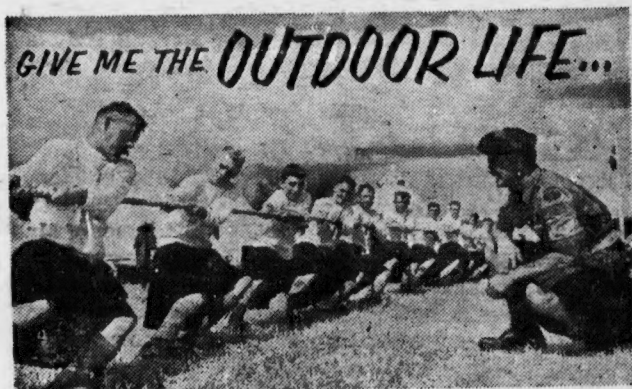
Notice is further given that during the months of May and June the Commission will hold public hearings in Edmonton, Calgary, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Red Deer, Grande Prairie and, perhaps, in other places for the purpose of receiving briefs and submissions from persons and organizations relative to the matters under deliberation. Publication will be made in the press, in the localities selected, of the times and places of the public hearings, at which times and places all interested parties must be prepared to present their respective submissions.

Ten copies of all briefs and submissions must be filed with the Commission secretary during the interval of time March 1st to April 15th, 1958. All submissions are to be typewritten and double-spaced, using one side of the paper only.

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